

The Government Statist intimates having obtained preliminary details of the present vintage from 44 Wineries whose output of Wine represents 98% of the previous season's total production. From this source, he estimates that the 1946 vintage will approximate 19,800,000 Gallons of Wine for Beverage and Distillation, in comparison with 10,573,057 Gallons for the previous year, an increase of 9,226,943 Gallons or 87%. This vintage is a record being approximately  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million gallons more than the previous record of 16,159,595 gallons in 1926-27, nearly 3 million gallons of this increase being for distillation wine. Fortified beverage wine is estimated at 6,750,000 (4,078,005) gallons, unfortified at 1,800,000 (951,469) and distillation at 11,250,000 (5,543,583) gallons.

The River Murray Districts are estimated to yield 6,200,000 (3,087,228) Gallons, an increase of 3,112,772 Gallons or 101%.

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